Representation in Public Service

78. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken to give adequate representation in Public Service to those sections of people which are now inadequately represented?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Qualified applicants from such sections of the people are taken to the service whenever there are suitable openings for such applicants. Vide also answer to question No. 458 of the Legislative Session of 1102.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know whether the Government have given any instructions to the Heads of Departments with regard to the entertainment of candidates from these unrepresented communities?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Is it the opinion of the Government that the Heads of Departments have kept up to the instructions given?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—They are expected to act up to it. We do not call for any information on that account. We expect our Heads of Departments to do what they are asked to do.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Have you got any complaint with regard to the failure of these Heads of Departments?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Of course, there may be some complaints that 'from such and such a Head of Department I did not get any appointment' and all that, but that is no reason to call upon the Head of the Department to explain.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—I do not suppose there is any obligation on the part of the Government.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There is obligation. 'Unrepresented classes must be represented', that is the principle laid down.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—I think these Heads of Departments are to submit quarterly reports to the Head Office with regard to the appointments made by them during such period, and from those it would be seen whether they had been acting up to the instructions of the Government.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—My information is that they are acting up to the instructions of the Government.

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